



E-NEWS from *Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn*

An electronic legislative update for June 16, 2003.

Did you know...

In the FY 2002 VA HUD Appropriations bill, Jennifer secured **\$90,000** for the City of Duvall for the construction of a youth center.

The Duvall Youth Center officially opened in December 2002, it currently serves approximately 120 to 140 kids per month.



On June 6th, Jennifer visited the Friends of Youth Duvall Youth Center. It serves as a drop-in center for teens ages 11 and up for after-school and Saturday activities. At this time, the center has computers, big screen TVs, video games, pool tables, and air hockey. The kids can use the resources to do homework, watch television, and play games with others. The center holds tournaments on weeknights to get teens interested in going there after school.



Jennifer tours the Duvall Youth Center. Pictured with Jennifer is youth center staff, Carl Thompson and Ryan Robinson. Duvall Council Members also touring with Jennifer; Julie Benjamin, Pat Fullmer, Will Ibershof, Jeffrey Possinger, Greg Von Tobel.

What went on last week:

JENNIFER INTRODUCED BILL TO ELIMINATE THE DEATH TAX

On Wednesday, June 11, Jennifer re-introduced a bill to eliminate the estate tax, H.R. 8. This bill is scheduled for debate on the House floor this week. Congress in 2001 took a large step toward helping family-owned businesses, family farms and small business owners by phasing out and eventually repealing the death tax. This repeal, however, sunsets in 2010, and the tax will return in full force in 2011. That will mean many people will have to liquidate or dispose of family-owned businesses in order to pay a tax burden of up to 55%. By bipartisan majorities, Congress has gone on record as repealing this widely unpopular tax.

Rep. Dunn's legislation, which has the strong support of the congressional leadership, would eliminate the death tax once and for all. It is strongly supported by a broad coalition of small businesses, farmers, family-run newspapers, ranchers, and minority business owners. The House of Representatives last year passed similar legislation to the Dunn bill, but it died in the Senate. This year's effort has the support of President Bush, and grassroots efforts are now under way to increase support in the Senate so that the repeal will be made permanent this year.

U.S. REP. JENNIFER DUNN ENCOURAGING BOEING TO BUILD 7E7 IN WASHINGTON STATE

The Boeing Company recently requested proposals from several of the states outlining reasons Boeing should choose to build its innovative 7E7 airliner in one of those states. Immediately after the announcement, Congresswoman Dunn asked her colleagues in the Washington delegation in Congress to join her in a joint letter to Boeing encouraging them to choose Washington and offering the delegation's support of a proposal from Washington State.

The Governor convened a committee to develop a proposal for presentation to Boeing. Among those participating in the committee are members of Congresswoman Dunn's staff.

The Congresswoman does hope the Washington proposal is chosen by Boeing and that the 7E7 is built in our great state! The Congresswoman is committed to assisting in the proposal process.

Summary of Press Releases:

U.S. REP. JENNIFER DUNN ANNOUNCES SEATTLE AND TACOMA PORTS WILL RECEIVE \$13.3 MILLION FROM TSA

Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn on July 11 announced that the Ports of Seattle and Tacoma will receive \$13.3 million from the Transportation Security Administration to address port security. These dollars are part of the program titled “Operation Safe Commerce”, which is a new public-private partnership that will enhance security by protecting the supply chains used in the movement of goods. A total of \$30 million was awarded to three ports -- New York/New Jersey, Los Angeles/Long Beach, and Seattle/Tacoma. Washington State ports received the highest percentage of the funds in this grant.